



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Tuesday 16 February 2021

Present:

Annabelle Ewing  
Rhoda Grant  
Fulton MacGregor  
Liam McArthur  
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

John Finnie  
Liam Kerr  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Shona Robison

Also present: Johann Lamont and Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

Liam Kerr indicated that he is a practicing member of the Law Society of Scotland.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 8, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 85, 87, 88, 92, 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101 and 102.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

25 (For 1, Against 8, Abstentions 0)  
27 (For 1, Against 8, Abstentions 0)  
84 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 20 and 90.

The following amendments were not moved: 55, 59, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 117, 28, 112, 29, 86, 89, 91, 93, 97, 99A, 99B and 99C.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, schedule 1 and sections 11, 12, 14, 15, schedule 2 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

The Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/4)

The Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/14)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021, on the basis that the Government has made a commitment to revoke these regulations. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Community Safety raising issues that had been brought to the Committee's attention by the British Fireworks Association.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

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